

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CONFIRMATION

KNOWING – GROWING - BEING



CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CHRIST FOR LIFE



Immanuel Confirmation

Foundation for Immanuel Confirmation

- Knowing (**What we believe and why we believe it**)
- Growing (**In our faith and relationships with Jesus Christ and our Brothers and Sisters**)
- Being (**Being Christ to others**)

Overall Goals

The overall goal of Immanuel Confirmation is to help students:

Know Jesus Christ as their Savior

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”

2 Peter 3:18

Grow in faith skills and relationships with other students

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. “

Colossians 1:9-10

Be Christ to those they interact with in their everyday life

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”

Ephesians 5:1-2



General Information

Confirmation

Confirmation this year goes from September 2018-May 2019. Students meet every week in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays (Enter door 1 or 2) & CrownPoint on Sundays (Enter door C – back door). Please make sure that each week students bring their Bible, Catechism, Activity Book, pen/pencil.

There are two options for attending Confirmation:

- Wednesday Evenings (5:30-6:45)
- Alternative online home lessons

Summer Confirmation

- Students are asked to attend one of the two sessions either on June 28 or July 24
- Things to bring: Bible & pen or pencil.
- Make sure to wear comfortable summer clothes. Closed toe shoes and no jewelry as we will be participating in Feed My Starving Children. Parents needed for Feed My Starving Children
- Please let us know which day you are planning on attending so we can plan ahead of time.
- Learning how to acolyte and looking at Worship Reflection Sheets will be covered for Alpha students.
- Choosing a Life Verse and Faith statements will be covered for Omega students.

Retreats

Students will get a chance to grow together as brothers and sisters in Christ through two retreats. The first retreat is for both Alpha and Omega students at Walcamp, in Kingston, IL. Parent volunteers are needed for the first retreat. The second retreat is for Omega students at Trinity Lutheran in Roselle, IL.

Monthly Confirmation Updates

Every month you will receive an update as to how your student is doing at confirmation. This will include their behavior, participation, and other responsibilities they have. We will send these out through snail mail.

Website

Please check out our website www.immanueljhm.com/confirmation for updates, schedules, and forms throughout the year.

Text Remind

To stay updated with Confirmation weekly, please send a text to the number 81010 with the message @immanuelc. Messages will only be sent for weekly reminders, special events, or cancellations.



General Expectations

Attendance

Each time we get together for confirmation is important, both for learning the content and for growing together with other member of your confirmation class. To commit to Immanuel Confirmation is to make attendance a priority. If you have a time when you know you will miss confirmation in advance, please let your Josh Wold or Andrea Davis know ahead of time if you will be absent that week.

Worship

Worship is an important part of the Christian life. We encourage and expect families to be in worship/church as often as possible. We keep track of attendance by the burgundy fellowship pads. Please remember to write your name in them including your child. If you are not in worship regularly we will follow up with you to see what can be done.

Worship Sheets

Students are asked to complete 10 Worship Sheets per year for a total of 20 Sheets during the two years of confirmation.

Service

10 total hours of service should be completed each year by students. Service is going above and beyond your everyday responsibilities to help others. Chores at home, helping family members, or anything you get paid for are great, but NOT service above and beyond and don't count for service hours.

A service form should be filled out each time you serve. Forms are available at the church office, youth website, and connection center.

Acolyte

A needs request will be emailed each month for you to sign up to acolyte. A week after the email is sent the open spots will be assigned. Students will be trained in acolyting and processing (cross and banner bearing) during summer confirmation.

If you cannot make when you are scheduled to be an acolyte, please switch with someone else and notify Andrea Davis.

Students are asked to dress appropriately.

Students are asked to participate in the worship service.

Students are encouraged to complete Worship Sheets during the worship service.

Schedule is available online.



Behavioral Expectations

Respect Each Other

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother." **1 John 4:19-21**

Respect Leaders

"Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." **1 Peter 5:5**

Respect the Building

"I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your glory dwells." **Psalm 26:8**

Consequences for Inappropriate Behavior

These expectations are meant to guide you on what we expect from your student to help them and us continue to learn about God's gifts and love for us ...

- If a student engages in inappropriate and disruptive behavior they will be given some type of verbal warning. If that behavior is continued they will be removed from that class and parent(s) will be contacted ASAP. If the parent(s) would like to discuss the issue, they are encouraged to call Josh Wold.
- We have a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or weapons. Parent(s) will be contacted immediately and a meeting with Josh Wold must be set up before that student is allowed back into Confirmation.



Additional Information

Faith Statements – Omega students

- During their Alpha, confirmation students will choose a Life Verses that they will be blessed with on their confirmation.
- Each student will use their Life Verse to write their Faith Statement. Beginning in January, each student will present their Faith Statement to the congregation during a worship service. Each student will be given a date to give their Faith Statement on either a Weds, Sat, or Sun non-communion worship service.
- The first draft of each student's Statement of Faith is due the first Sunday of October.
- During Summer Confirmation students will receive instructions and guidelines on how to complete their Faith Statements.

Night of Witness – Omega students

- At the beginning of their Omega, confirmation students are given a handbook of over 100 questions and answers which will be used for the Night of Witness questioning at the end of the Omega of confirmation. These questions are primarily taken from Luther's Small Catechism. Night of Witness is part of a Weds 7pm worship service in which all of the Omega Confirmation students will be examined publicly by Pastor Buss using the questions and answers from the handbook. A rehearsal is held a week prior to the Night of Witness for an hour and a half.
- We do this Night of Witness to help the students learn to answer questions about their faith in front of others and to see how they have developed from their first year through the time of their confirmation.
- Pictures are taken for the bulletin for Confirmation Service. Video is recorded of Confirmands saying their life verse & part of a prayer. (Taken before service begins)

Night of Witness Reception – Alpha students

- Alpha families are asked to host the Night of Witness reception following the Night of Witness service. The items are provided. The families are responsible for set up, serving, and clean up of the Fellowship Hall for the reception.





Confirmation Dates for 2018-2019

Parent Information Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	May 20, 2018 12:15-1:15pm June 6, 2018, 5:30-6:30pm
Summer confirmation	June 28 (1 st session) 7:30am-4:00pm July 24 (2 nd session) 7:45am-4:00pm
Grandstand Clean Up Service Event	August 8-13, 2018
Confirmation Retreat (Alpha & Omega students)	August 25-26, 2018
Confirmation class begins	September 12, 2018
1 st draft of Faith Statement due (Omega only)	October 1, 2018
Hometown Christmas Service Event	December 7, 2018
Super bowl Sub Assembly/Handout Service Event	February 2/3, 2019
Omega confirmation retreat	April 5-6, 2019
Night of Witness rehearsal /parent meeting (Omega only)	April 16, 2019 6:00-7:30pm
Easter Breakfast Service Event	April 20-21, 2019
Night of Witness & Bulletin pictures (Omega only)	April 24, 2019 7:00pm
Night of Witness reception (Alpha host)	April 24, 2019 8:00pm (prep begins 7:15pm)
Last day of Alpha confirmation class	April 24, 2019
All confirmation work is due	April 30, 2019
Confirmation pictures & rehearsal (Omega only)	April 30, 2019
Last day of Omega confirmation class	May 1, 2019 (offsite)
Rite of Confirmation worship service (Omega only)	May 5, 2019



CLASS DATES

Date	7 th Grade Topic	8 th Grade Topic
1. September 12	Intro	Intro
2. September 19	Creation	1 st Commandment
3. September 26	The Fall	2 nd Commandment
4. October 10	Noah	3 rd Commandment
5. October 17	Babel	4 th Commandment
6. October 24	Abraham & Isaac	5 th Commandment
7. November 7	Jacob & Esau	6 th Commandment
8. November 14	Joseph	7 th Commandment
9. November 28	Moses	8 th Commandment
10. December 5	Desert & Promised Land	9 & 10 th Commandment
11. December 12	Judges & Ruth	Lord's Prayer
12. December 19	Kings: David & Solomon	Baptism Pt 1
13. January 9	Daniel/S-M-A	Baptism Pt 2
14. January 16	Jesus' Birth	Creed Pt 1
15. January 23	Jesus Life #1	Creed Pt 2
16. February 6	Jesus Life #2	Creed Pt 3
17. February 13	Jesus Life #3	Communion Pt 1
18. February 20	The Passion	Communion Pt 2
19. March 6	Resurrection	Office Of Keys
20. March 13	Acts #1	Generosity
21. March 20	Acts #2	Luther Pt 1
22. April 3	Romans	Luther Pt 2
23. April 10	Revelation	
24. April 17		NOW Question Game
25. April 24	Last Week	Life Verse Video
26. May 1	NO CLASS	Offsite



Immanuel Service Hours

We ask that your student spend at least 10 hours of service to the Lord each year for a total of 20 hours for the length of the Confirmation. In addition to the hours, you will need to turn in a Service Hours Reflection Sheet for each service activity that was completed.

Service Hours Reflection Sheet

Your Name _____

Date _____

Place of Service _____

Total Hours _____

What did you do while you were serving?

Whom did you serve?

What did you like about serving?

What didn't you like about this service?

How did this service help others? What is something you learned about yourself/God taught you?

Person you Served or Parent signature _____





Worship Sheets

At Immanuel we expect each participant in confirmation to be regular in attending Worship. We ask that your student fills out 10 Worship Sheets per year for a total of 20 worship sheets. If you are worshipping on vacation or at another church we encourage you to fill out a Worship Sheet for that service too. Sheets are available in the narthex, church office and online.

Please fill out completely. Incomplete sheets may not be counted.

Worship Sheet

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

First & last name

LOCATION AND TIME OF SERVICE: _____ PREACHER: _____

Ex. Immanuel Belvidere 11am

The pastor giving the sermon.

Bible Text/s: _____ SERMON TITLE: _____

Include all text(usually 2-3 readings) If there is no title, write down main idea of sermon.

What color is the altar cloths/what church season is it? _____

Blue = Advent Season (before Christmas)

White = Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas & Christmas Season (after Christmas), Epiphany Sunday, Easter Season (after Easter); Christ's Baptism, Transfiguration, Ascension

Green = Epiphany Season (after Christmas) or Pentecost Season (summer)

Purple = Lenten Season

Black = Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Sometimes Ash Wednesday

Red = Pentecost Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Observances of Apostles

1. What did you learn from today's sermon?

2. What parts of today's sermon stood out to you?

3. How can it change your week?

4. What song/hymn did you like the most?

Parents are encouraged to help students as well as promote they write a few "notes" on the back during the message to help them in remembering what was said.

Feel free to write notes on back



Worship Sheet Due Dates

1 st	August 31, 2018
2 nd	September 30, 2018
3 rd	October 31, 2018
4 th	November 30, 2018
5 th & 6 th	December 31, 2018
7 th	January 31, 2019
8 th	February 28, 2019
9 th	March 31, 2019
10 th	April 30, 2019

Notes



2018-2019 Payment Worksheet

Cost Information

Immanuel Confirmation includes opportunities for students to go beyond just studying the Bible and Catechism. It includes service projects, retreats, and other activities outside of a classroom.

If the ministry cost is too much financially for you and your family please contact Josh Wold for scholarship assistance. NOBODY stays home because of money!

2018-2019 Fees for Alpha Students

\$90

Cost Covers: Bible, Materials, Servant Event, Summer Confirmation, Grace Camp Retreat, and end of the year celebration.

2018-2019 Fees for Omega Students

\$100 (If you already have a Catechism)

Cost Covers: Materials, Servant Event/Summer Confirmation, Grace Camp Retreat, Omega Retreat, and robe for confirmation.

*Does not include stole rental or pictures.

Students Name(s) _____

Registration Fees:

Number of Alpha Students: _____ X \$90 = \$ _____

Number of Omega Students: _____ X \$100 = \$ _____

Number of Catechisms needed (Omega only): _____ X \$16 = \$ _____

Total Number of Students: _____ Amount Due: \$ _____

_____ I paid online with a credit card.

_____ I am including a check made payable to Immanuel Lutheran Church (Check Number) _____

_____ I am paying with Cash (Signature of person receiving cash) _____

